

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1855  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 3361

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, PN, ES  
SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP MCGRATH ON EL SALVADOR AND SARSANEDAS  
DEPORTATION

REF: PANAMA 3302

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS SPOKE WITH ARCHBISHOP OF PANAMA,  
MSGR. MARCOS MCGRATH MAY 11 ABOUT SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR  
AND MAY 6 DEPORTATION OF PANANIAN JESUIT JORGE SARSANEDAS  
(SEE REFTEL). MCGRATH TERMED EL SALVADOR "TOUGHEST SITUATION"  
IN CENTRAL AMERICA ON COUNTS OF SOCIAL TENSION AND VIOLENCE.  
PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT APPEAR SLIGHT AS, ACCORDING TO  
MCGRATH'S INFORMANTS (E.G. ARCHBISHOP ROMERO), PRESIDENT-  
ELECT ROMERO REPORTEDLY HAS THREATENED TO EXPEL ALL JESUITS  
IN THE COUNTRY WHEN HE TAKES OFFICE.

2. ON SARSANEDAS CASE MCGRATH SAID AS SOON AS HE WAS INFORMED  
OF THE PRIEST'S DETENTION HE SPOKE WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS  
AND SECRET POLICE CHIEF LT. COL. NORIEGA TO ASK THEM TO  
INTERVENE WITH MOLINA FOR SARSANEDAS' RELEASE.  
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